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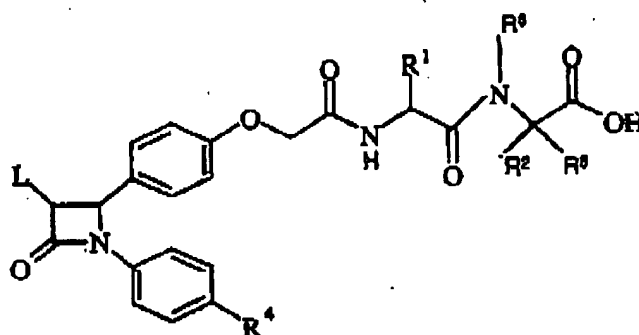
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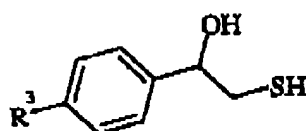
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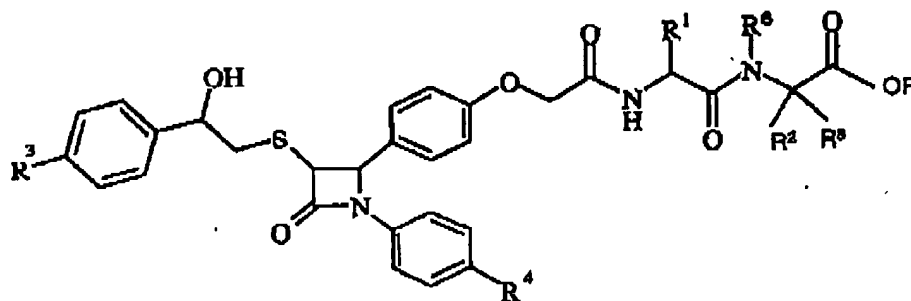
(XI)

wherein L is a displaceable group;

with a compound of formula (XII);



(XII)

Process 7): g) De-esterifying a compound of formula (XIII)

(XIII)

wherein the group C(O)OR is an ester group; and

wherein:

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁-alkyl, C₃-cycloalkyl or aryl; wherein said C₁-alkyl may be optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy, amino, guanidino, carbamoyl, carboxy, C₁-alkoxy, N-(C₁-alkyl)amino, N,N-(C₁-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonylamino, C₁-alkylS(O)_a, wherein a is 0-2, C₁-cycloalkyl or aryl; and wherein any aryl group may be

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optionally substituted by one or two substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkoxy;

R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, a branched or unbranched C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆cycloalkyl or aryl; wherein said C₁₋₆alkyl may be optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy, amino, guanidino, cyano, carbamoyl, carboxy, C₁₋₆alkoxy, aryl C₁₋₆alkoxy, (C₁₋₆)₃Si, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, N,N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂amino, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)_n, C₂₋₆cycloalkyl, aryl or aryl C₁₋₆alkylS(O)_n, wherein n is 0-2; and wherein any aryl group may be optionally substituted by one or two substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkoxy;

R³ is hydrogen, alkyl, halo, C₁₋₆alkoxy or C₁₋₆alkylS-

R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, halo or C₁₋₆alkoxy;

R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

wherein R⁵ and R² may form a ring with 2-7 carbon atoms and wherein R⁶ and R³ may form a ring with 3-6 carbon atoms; and

L is a displaceable group;

and thereafter if necessary or desirable optionally:

- i) converting a compound of the formula (I) into another compound of the formula (I);
- ii) removing any protecting groups;
- iii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, solvate of such a salt or a prodrug; or
- iv) separating two or more enantiomers.

L is a displaceable group, suitable values for L are for example, a halogeno or sulphonyloxy group, for example a chloro, bromo, methanesulphonyloxy or toluene-4-sulphonyloxy group.

C(O)OR is an ester group, suitable values for C(O)OR are methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, n-butoxycarbonyl and benzyloxycarbonyl.

21. (new) A method of treating or preventing a hyperlipidemic condition comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 to a mammal in need thereof.

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22. (new) A method of treating or preventing atherosclerosis comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 to a mammal in need thereof.

23. (new) A method for treating or preventing Alzheimers' disease comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 to a mammal in need thereof.

24. (new) A method for treating or preventing a cholesterol associated tumor comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 to a mammal in need thereof.

25. (new) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound according to claim 12 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent and/or carrier.

26. (new) A process according to claim 20 wherein L is a halogen or sulphonyloxy group.

27. (new) A process according to claim 26 wherein L is a chloro, bromo, methanesulphonyloxy or toluene-4-sulphonyloxy group.

28. (new) A process according to claim 20 wherein the C(O)OR ester group is methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, *t*-butoxycarbonyl, or benzyloxycarbonyl.